

Sister Clemmie Interview
when she returned from
Waco on 4-16-85

J - Jim Boutwell, S - Sister Clemmie Schroeder, J - John Smoot, M - John Meiser
W - Walter A. Werner

J - It's 3:15, Tuesday, the 16th of April, 1985. Present in the office is my
Sheriff Jim Boutwell and -

S - Sister Clemmie, Clemmie Schroeder -

J - John Smoot, California Attorney General's Office -

M - John Meisner from California Attorney General's Office -

W - Walter A. Werner, Assistant Chief, Criminal Law Enforcement, Texas Department
of Public Safety.

J - OK. Clemmie, you've just returned from Waco where you visited with the
District Attorney up there and with Henry Lucas.

C - Yes.

J - And I would like for you to repeat what you just told Chief Werner and I about
your trip up there. Your - just what happened and don't leave anything out.

C - OK. I left here about 6:15 in the morning. Yesterday, I was told by Chief
Deputy Dan that I could see Henry at 8:00. And I got to the jail about 7:
and I was told that he was ready in the D.A.'s office and I could just leave
the clothes with them and I said, no, that I would stay around even if it
meant staying until lunch time until they gave him a break because I really
wanted to see him and so they set me down and shortly Chief Dan came and said
that he was in the D.A.'s office and that he would take me up to the D.A.'s
office, and when I arrived there, I was told that it would be some time and
to just sit and wait so they gave me a cup of coffee and while I was sitting
there, Hugh Aynesworth walked in with a bearded man with a briefcase and he
was very surprised to see me and I asked him how he was and he said I don't
know - that depends on what's going on here. And he told this guy that he
go back to Dallas. And I sat there probably an hour and a half and the D.A.
came out and took me in to a room and he said that I was one of Henry's close
friends and that because of me, Henry is able to do what he is going to be
doing tomorrow at the Grand Jury and that he's stating that he has not killed
anyone except his mother and that they - and he - the D.A. said now, I'm not
I don't know if he has killed anyone or not, but he is saying that he has not
and we have all these dates that we can verify that a lot of the cases that
we're checking - that he could not have possibly done them and he said because
of you bringing the Lord to Henry that you brought him spiritual growth where
he can see that he can no longer live a lie and that he needs to confess the
truth. And I was all upset, and I said no, I said that's a mockery to the
Lord. That can't be because Henry told how the Lord came to him in the light
and told him to confess and I said if he never killed anyone, why is Henry
confessing? He wouldn't confess lies to the Lord. And he said, well, at that
time, Henry didn't know the word of God, but now you have given him the word
of God and he can see things straight. And so I started crying real hard and
went and got me some Kleenexes. He said I'll just leave you in the room to

think about this and so I carried on and hit the sofa and screamed and yelled and knelt down and prayed. So he came back in and he said Henry is going to need you more than anything because it's going to be so hard what he is going to do and he said I want you to know that no way are we going to ever let Henry go back to Georgetown, there's no way so you are going to have to adjust to this knowing that he will not be going back to Georgetown and the Task Force is going to be disbanded in a short while and he said - but we are going to take care of Henry and we will put him in a federal prison and he would be taken care of and I will set it up where you can see him when you want to and he can have his art lessons and he can play tennis or anything he wants and - I started - I guess crying again or something because then he left and he came back and I told him - he said Henry - I was saying - I said - I said this isn't right, I said this would be a mockery to the whole law enforcement. And he said no, this is going to clean up the law enforcement and he said we are going to do work that a lot of crooked stuff in the law enforcement and we are going to get it all cleaned up and he said in the long run, Henry's going to come out looking good. And I said in the papers he's looking like a liar and a con and I said I don't see how he can look good and he said you have to put your trust in God to work it through and he said what you're doing - you're letting your flesh enter in instead of really believing in the Lord to work this out. And he started quoting scripture from Romans about the Lord takes things and brings about good for those who love him and stuff and he would - he was able to quote scriptures - he said he had been a baptist minister and I told him I said - I said I can't tell - how do I know that you aren't a cult member and that you aren't trying to get Henry to confess something to just remove him so he can't be telling all of that stuff about kids in Mexico and everything? I said how do I know who - if you are good or not and he said, well, you don't, you just have to listen to your heart and let the Lord tell you and he said, but, believe you me - I'm on the Lord's side and he said I don't need this - he said I won a couple of capital murder cases and I don't need this for my career - I'm just doing this cause I want justice. And so then he started asking that they were concerned about Henry's health and he asked me about his stomach. And I told him how Henry had gone to the Doctor two times and they did Xrays and they decided to do a biopsy and that - he asked if I went to the hospital at that time and I said yes and he said did you see them do the biopsy and I said no, cause the Sheriff told me to wait in the room and I waited in the room and they went to where they did the tests and they came back and said that his stomach lining was clear - he just has a hernia at the opening of his stomach - it was causing problems but they didn't have to do a biopsy cause it wasn't cancer and then he said, well, we can't tell anyone, you know, we aren't accusing anyone, but Henry is concerned about his health which, I know Henry and Henry isn't - he never complains - he's not concerned about his health, I mean, he never says I'm worried about my health and he said Henry is concerned about his health and we want to put him in a hospital and do all these tests and a complete physical on his health because he said, you know, he could have cancer and they are keeping it from him so that he would die before all of this investigation gets cleared - I'm not sure of the word he was saying. So he asked me, he said, would you come tomorrow to the Grand Jury and speak before the Grand Jury and I said I would never say anything against the Sheriff or the Task Force and he said no, no, no, - all we want is just that he had gone for these Xrays and everything. And so I was going to say no, but then I thought, if I said yes, that would put me back in Waco, and then when I got there, I could see Henry - I was buying time like - because maybe you could tell me something to tell Henry. So I said OK, so then he said, well, I think it would be better if

you stayed in a motel and I said, well, I have a daughter and I have to teach a piano lesson and so he said, well, OK, but you'll come back tonight and I said, yes, I'll come back tonight if I can see Henry tonight and so he agreed. Cause, you know, thought I needed to - so I said that I wanted to see Henry and he said Henry is going to need a lot of support, and he said we aren't interested in books, and television and everything, but 60 minutes wants to do a program and I thought perhaps you could take over that part and take care of those things and I said I don't want Henry talking to any reporters and I don't want him talking to any book writers and I said I'm his power of attorney and I don't want him talking to anyone. He said, that's fine, that's fine, you know, what ever you want. We'll do it your way and so I want to see Henry, and he said, well, OK, but he said, you know, he's not looking real good now cause you know, he's away from home and he hasn't shaved and everything and I said, oh, I've seen him with a beard before and so they took me down this - and he said now, you know what you're going to have to do tomorrow and you're going to stand by Henry and he said did the Sheriff - he asked something about did anyone get any message for Henry? I said yes, I said the Sheriff said that they appreciated Henry and they want him to tell the truth so he can get back to the Task Force and get back to Georgetown, H said, don't tell him that, don't tell him he's going back to Georgetown, he said don't tell him that. And I said, well, but the Sheriff said it and he said just don't tell him that cause that is going to confuse him and he has made up his mind to go all the way with the truth. So at this time, I'm telling you I did not - I don't know - I did not know if the guy - if it was true that Henry didn't kill anyone at that time - I've got confused about where the - where you were, the Task Force even, though I have known you for years - I'm - the - I can't describe the - it's just - it's something that just gradually pulls you along into a flow of thinking - do you know what I'm saying - I mean you - you are thinking this way - but you are hearing something and it just kind a flow going - I can't describe what was going on there. And I've got in the room and Henry was sitting in front of the desk and a man was sitting behind it - I said Henry and when I walked into the catwalk - he always jumps up, you know, from his thing and he just sat there and I squatted down and I started hugging him and I said, Henry, are you alright? And he said, I don't know and I said, Henry, what's wrong - are you alright? He said, I don't know and he said everything's a mess - everything's just a big mess and he started crying and I said, Henry, stand up - I want to see you and he just - I just didn't know what I was looking at. I mean, I did not - I didn't know if I was seeing despair, fear or what, you know, but it wasn't the way I see Henry, you know, and so then they said, well, we'll let you have your privacy and we'll put you in this room and then moved a couple chairs. We went across the hall and so I went in and I - so ... there by Henry's cell and I can't - hugging him and this guy looked, you know, at me like, oh, brother, you know, what's wrong with her? And I said Henry, just don't talk, don't talk, I said, I know this thing is bugged. I said, just don't talk and I said what are they doing to you and he said - he said just talking to me and I said - and I said, have you slept and he said no. And I - ~~he said they told me I would never get back to Georgetown~~ and the Task Force was ended - ~~that they could prove everything and that everything was over with and that I belonged to them, now, and I might as well cooperate because they will decide where I'm going and that they could put me in a good federal prison and I said -~~ and he said, ~~so tomorrow I have to go and tell them that I haven't killed anyone and I said, Henry, I said but that's a lie and he said - I just - he said - I have to do what I have to do because I'll never go to Georgetown - what's going to happen to me - he said, the Sheriff can't get me back into Georgetown.~~ I said, that's not true, Henry and he just kept crying

and he said, I don't know - I'm so confused - I'm just so confused, and I said, Henry, said, look, I said, you said the Lord came to you in the light, He said, that's true, and I said, the Lord said to confess to your sins and he said, that's true and I said, well, now you're saying all your sins are lies and he said, I don't know. He said, I really thought I killed all those people, I really thought I did and he said, how could I have gone back if I didn't kill those people, but they are telling me I didn't cause they said, everywhere you killed someone, you were somewhere else and that you didn't kill any of them and he said, I don't know - he said I really don't know. So I said, Henry, don't - tomorrow, I said, don't go there tell them that you haven't killed anyone. I said, if you say that, I said, then the Task Force would not be able to fight for you. The Sheriff, I said, just tell them that if there are any cases that they can prove that you didn't do - if there's any cases that you didn't do - that you had made a mistake, you know, on dates or something, I said, just tell them you don't know and for them to investigate each one and decide how many are yours and everything, and I said, but if you go and say you haven't killed anyone, I said, how are they going to investigate anything. And I said, Henry, I said, do you love me? And he said, you know I do and he said, you're my only family I have and he said, and I love the Sheriff like family, too, and he said, and I didn't want - and started just crying so hard, he said, I don't want to hurt the Sheriff - I don't want to hurt anyone - I don't want to hurt you - I don't want to destroy your ministry, but I don't know what to do and he said, I - maybe I didn't kill anyone. He said, they are showing how I couldn't have killed anyone - maybe I didn't kill anyone - I don't know. I said, Henry, why are you so confused and he said, I don't know, he said, they put me in the hospital last night and he said, but I couldn't sleep and I thought, why would they put him in the hospital, you know, and I thought, I wonder if he's drugged, you know, and I mean, his voice - the tone of his voice - it's just da - da - da - da. And you know how Henry's voice is, you know, I mean his voice just sounded like muffled, you know what I mean - just one - one tone, and so I said, Henry, I've got to get back to the Sheriff and he said, just tell the Sheriff to help me and he said, just tell him to help me and he said, I don't know what's going to happen to me - He said, I'm not - he said, I'm not - I would never kill myself and he said, if they say - find me dead or said that I killed myself - know that I didn't, but if I don't cooperate, they might find me dead. And I said, Henry, they couldn't do that to you and he said, you don't know these people, he said, you don't know - it's - I - what Henry was telling me can be just all out of fear, you know, I don't want to be saying that these people would actually harm him - I'm not insinuating that, but I'm just saying fear is in Henry, you understand what I'm saying? And I'm not implying that they would - treated me well - extra, extra nice and they said you are the only one that will be allowed to see Henry, but it's like, stand by him cause he's going to need it. This is going to be the toughest time of his life, but in the long run, it's going to help the law enforcement. He's going to really contribute to the law enforcement and they are - I got this feeling they are feeding him about how he can - if he does this and this - how he's going to be helping law enforcement - they're - and I told Henry, I said, Henry, in the paper they have you like a jerk - the biggest con-liar and I said, they aren't going to ever make you look good, you know, and I said - and I said, and they're making the law enforcement and everything look terrible. Did I forget something?

J - No ... pretty well covered it, Clemmie.

- OK. So -

J - Can you think of anything else?

C - Let me think. So, I told Henry that I was going to come back tonight and he said that he asked for a attorney and he was told, no and he said, I need a attorney - ~~tell the Sheriff to help me~~ ~~tell the Sheriff if he can come or get me a~~ ~~attorney - do something, he said, just tell him to help and that's all and he~~ ~~said, I have to cooperate with these people, he said, because I'll never get~~ ~~back to Georgetown. He said, it's over - they told me Georgetown was over, and~~ ~~he said, if I don't cooperate with them, I don't know where they will sent me~~ ~~and so he is running scared and he said - and then when they do put me in a~~ ~~federal prison, he said, I'll be hated by every law enforcement and they'll~~ ~~kill me when I get there. He said, there's no way I can go and so I'm telling~~ ~~you he is - he is scared and I don't know what he's going to say tomorrow, I~~ ~~mean, I told him, I said, just say, you know, the ones that they can prove you did~~ ~~do that maybe you didn't, but that - that you have killed and for them to just~~ ~~investigate it - and I said, don't stand there and say the only person you~~ ~~killed is your mother, you know and so he said, OK. And I said - I said, and if~~ ~~your mother is the only person you ever killed, then, I said - I said, in my life,~~ ~~I said, when the Lord is moving, there's peace in your heart and I said when satan~~ ~~is moving, there's a urgency and I said, I have never felt such urgency like~~ ~~you have to make a decision right away. I have to get in a motel right away -~~ ~~I can't come back to Georgetown - everything is like quick, quick, quick - do, do,~~ ~~do. And I said, that is satan, I said, that isn't the Lord because peace, when~~ ~~you do - when you are following the Lord, there's peace, and I said, Henry, you~~ ~~aren't in peace and he said, I know it, I know it. And I said so, so just don't~~ ~~leave everything open until you can really think it clear. I said, leave it open~~ ~~so that the Rangers can come and Sheriff, and I said, but if you stand there and~~ ~~say I only killed my mother, and I said Henry, you told me you didn't kill your~~ ~~mother, and he said, well, I didn't, so I said, well, what about Becky? And~~ ~~he said, well, I guess I - I didn't kill her. I said, well, who was that~~ ~~body strung out all over there and he said, I don't know. He said, I'm just -~~ ~~I'm just so confused. I'm just telling you - he - something that's - I don't~~ ~~know what went on but the guy is not himself and I have no idea what he's~~ ~~going to say tomorrow at the Grand Jury.~~

J - Well, if you want to go back up there and you get to visit him tonight, Clemmie, the only thing to tell him is just tell the truth and tell it all.

C - But you see, they have him as - they have him so that the truth is that he killed no one except his mother and that he has already paid for that.

J - He is not to say what they want him to say or what we want him to say - all he's supposed to tell is just the truth. Tell him to tell it and tell it all. I mean, that's all we can do.

C - But there is something - I'm telling you, I - there is something so wrong there, Sheriff, I can sense it, you know. It's just like yesterday, I said ... said I feel like Henry wants a attorney and said - and I feel like he's just terrorized, you know, and he's so afraid and he is. I mean, it - a lot of times I have this sense and I'm telling you, there is some evil going on there and I don't know what.

J - You think of anything else you want to add?

C - No, not now. If I think of something, I will.

J - OK. The time is 3:39 p.m.

Lucas cleared to talk to federal grand jury

By Mike Cox

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A federal appeals court cleared the way late Tuesday for confessed killer Henry Lee Lucas to appear before a federal grand jury in San Antonio today.

Also, Lucas told reporters in Waco Tuesday that the only person he killed was his mother. He was convicted in 1980 of murdering her.

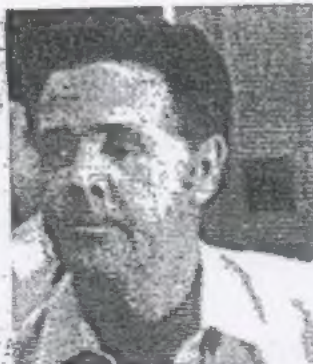
U.S. Judge Edward Prado denied a motion by Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox for the suspension of an order for Lucas to be brought before a federal grand jury. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans denied an appeal and set the stage for Lucas to appear before the federal panel at 1 p.m.

Prado said that after Lucas' appearance, he will be returned to Waco, where a McLennan County grand jury is investigating his murder confessions. Last week authorities there refused to release Lucas to a deputy U.S. marshal.

Federal officials have said they are concerned that Lucas' civil rights have been violated in Waco.

In Waco Lucas told reporters that he has confessed to hundreds of other slayings because Texas Rangers led him into the confessions. He said the only person he killed was his mother.

When asked who aided him in confessing to crimes he claimed to know nothing about, he replied:



Henry Lee Lucas now claims that he killed only his mother.

"I've been aided by the Texas Rangers' Bob Prince. I've been aided by Clayton Smith of the Texas Rangers. I've been aided by other police departments, the people they would bring in with cases they wanted cleared.

"Those are people who wanted cases cleared. Those are people who didn't believe in honest justice. They're just leaving murderers out there to do what they want to do, and this isn't the way the system is supposed to work."

Lucas also said investigators led him to the crime scenes, told him how crimes were committed, and showed him photographs.

Previously Lucas told authorities he killed up to 360 people, most of them women, during years of

travel across the country. He has been convicted of 10 killings in Texas and faces death by injection. He is charged with slayings in Maryland, Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, and Arkansas.

Williamson County District Attorney Ed Walsh, the prosecutor who won the only death penalty against Lucas, scoffed at Lucas' latest claims. Lucas is recanting because he does not want to be executed, Walsh said.

"I guarantee Henry Lee Lucas has killed a lot of people," Walsh said. "More than three, and I'm sure more than one."

Mattox charged the federal interest in the case traces to "collusion" between authorities in Williamson County, where Lucas had been held until April 12, and federal prosecutors and agents.

Mattox said he had written a letter of complaint to U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese. The letter said U.S. attorney Helen Eversberg of San Antonio had charged that state officials had violated Lucas' civil rights, but that those charges were "bogus" and were an unprecedented federal interference in a state case.

Mattox urged Meese to review Eversberg's actions, and concluded, "This country simply cannot have U.S. attorneys attempting to intimidate state officials and undermine state criminal investigations."

Contacted in San Antonio, Eversberg said: "I would be more than happy to discuss with Attorney General Meese the reasons for our actions. I feel they are justified."

Sheriff Jim Boutwell of Williamson County said charges of collusion between him, or the Williamson County district attorney, and federal officials are "absolutely false."

"We're not in collusion with anyone," Boutwell said.

Attached to the state motion were affidavits from Lucas and his court-appointed attorney, Guy Cox, that he was treated well and that his civil rights were not being violated.

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Lucas 'rights inquiry' reportedly is blocked

By Mike Cox

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WACO — Three FBI agents were denied access to Henry Lee Lucas in the McLennan County Jail Wednesday morning as they reportedly sought to investigate whether Lucas' civil rights had been violated.

A state district judge appointed a lawyer soon afterward to represent Lucas during a grand jury investigation here.

Two FBI agents from Austin and one from Waco went to the McLennan County Jail early Wednesday, but were refused permission to interview Lucas by jail personnel, a source familiar with the case said. The agents were looking into a possible violation of Lucas' civil rights, the source said.

Attorney General Jim Mattox confirmed that the FBI agents had been at the courthouse Wednesday, but said he could not comment on why they were there.

Lucas has been in the jail in Waco since Friday night, and testified three hours Wednesday before the grand jury, which is looking into two McLennan County slayings to which Lucas has confessed.

State District Judge George Allen, who empaneled the grand jury

looking into the Lucas cases, said he had a message on his desk when he came to work Wednesday morning to call the McLennan County district attorney's office. When he called, he was told Lucas had requested a court-appointed attorney.

"Lucas signed a pauper's oath, and I appointed Guy Cox, who is a civil and criminal lawyer who used to be an assistant district attorney," Allen said.

Cox said Lucas had not complained about his rights to him, but sources said the FBI tried to talk to Lucas after receiving a complaint that Lucas had not been provided an attorney.

Lucas is scheduled to appear again before the grand jury at 9 a.m. today. Allen approved a request by the panel Wednesday afternoon to extend its term 90 days.

Clemmie Schroeder of Georgetown, Lucas' friend and frequent jail visitor, testified before the panel Wednesday afternoon. Testimony continued until 7 p.m. and is scheduled to resume at 9 a.m. today.

Earlier Wednesday, Mattox said he is still convinced Lucas has not killed as many people as he has claimed.

Mattox, in Waco for the second

straight day, said the grand jury investigation might stretch on for a month.

But the attorney general emphasized that the inquiry was not directed at the Lucas homicide task force, which is based in Georgetown and is headed by Williamson County Sheriff Jim Boutwell and Texas Ranger Sgt. Bob Prince.

"We have no evidence of inappropriate activities on the part of the task force," Mattox said. "We are going to take everything at face value to start off with, but then we are going to delve into some of the questions that have been raised by Lucas and by the media."

The *Dallas Times Herald* reported Sunday that Lucas might have killed only three people, not the 210 attributed to him by investigators from 26 states.

The grand jury investigation in Waco began last Thursday, when it heard six witnesses.

Mattox and Vic Feazell, McLennan County district attorney, spent several hours Tuesday questioning Lucas, who was transferred to Waco from Georgetown Friday night. "I don't want to comment specifically on what he said to us, but he's led us to believe he did not commit a very large number of these crimes," Mattox said.

United States Attorney Helen Eversberg gave the following statement concerning Henry Lee Lucas:

Up to this time, I have remained silent concerning charges leveled at me by Texas Attorney General James Mattox that any actions I may have taken regarding Henry Lee Lucas were inappropriate and calculated to disrupt the State Grand Jury investigation without cause. While I cannot and will not discuss any matters pending before the Federal Grand Jury, I can state unequivocally that Mattox' position concerning releasing Henry Lee Lucas to the Federal Grand Jury was unjustifiable.

On April 17, 1985, the United States attempted to interview Henry Lee Lucas in the McLennan County Jail for a few minutes prior to his scheduled date Grand Jury appearance. McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell and Attorney General Mattox denied access to Lucas to the FBI, an act which brought about the necessity to writ Lucas to the San Antonio Grand Jury.

In pleadings filed in Federal Court yesterday and in a letter to United States Attorney General Edwin Meese, Mattox charged that I had not consulted with the Justice Department in Washington. In fact, individuals in the appropriate divisions of the Justice Department were briefed on this matter, and continue to be updated on it.

→ He further charged that the Federal investigation was bogus in that it was either (1) based on some unknown Federal connection with Lucas, or (2) based on my alignment with Williamson County officials. The fact that there might be an unknown Federal connection with Lucas hardly makes an investigation bogus. Moreover, I have repeatedly offered Mr. Mattox to ask the Federal Court to order Mr. Lucas returned to McLennan County after his appearance.

It is mystifying why the Attorney General of Texas and the District Attorney of McLennan County would so vehemently oppose the appearance by Lucas before a group of regular citizens, the Federal Grand Jury, for a short time, and was adamant that any interview be given in the McLennan County Jail or Courthouse, given a Court order returning custody to McLennan County. It is also mystifying why he has made every end run he could think of to avoid such an appearance, including numerous phone calls to the Justice Department and the letter to Meese, and contacting other individuals who might bring pressure to bear on me to change my mind. It appears that one of his foremost concerns in this entire matter is publicity, and that he has said and done everything he could think of to get it.

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Lucas testifies to grand jury in rights review

By Mike Cox

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SAN ANTONIO — Confessed killer Henry Lee Lucas testified Wednesday before a federal grand jury as part of a civil rights investigation that began after a friend told law officers she was worried Lucas might have been drugged or hypnotized.

Lucas' friend, Catholic layman Clemmie Schroeder, told authorities she visited him after he had been held four days in a Waco jail and found him so changed that she worried that drugs or hypnosis might have been used on Lucas before he recanted his hundreds of murder confessions.

Sources said the federal investigation into whether Lucas' civil rights were violated in McLennan County will continue even though Lucas was to be returned to Waco after more than four hours before the federal grand jury.

Williamson County Sheriff Jim Boutwell said Schroeder came to see him after visiting Lucas April 16 in the McLennan County Jail in Waco, where he had been transferred April 12 in connection with an investigation of his confessions to two killings.

"She told us Lucas said he wanted help," Boutwell said. "He said he wanted a lawyer and that he didn't have one."

"She said Lucas cried, was not himself, and said he was under a lot of pressure. She said they had told him his cases could be thrown out of court."

Boutwell said the April 16 interview with Schroeder in his Georgetown office was tape-recorded. Present

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were Schroeder, Boutwell, Bob Werner, assistant chief of criminal law enforcement for the Department of Public Safety, and John Weissner and John Smoot, two officials from the California attorney general's office. The California officials were in Georgetown on a previously scheduled trip to interview Lucas about slayings in California.

Boutwell contacted federal officials after the interview, and Schroeder was interviewed by an assistant U.S. attorney, he said.

The next morning, McLennan County authorities denied three FBI agents permission to interview Lucas in the jail at Waco. Later that day, a lawyer, Guy Cox, was appointed to represent Lucas.

McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell said that the tape recording of Schroeder was probably played for the federal grand jurors Wednesday. But Feazell said Schroeder had told him she did not mean to say what she had said on the tape.

"She told us she didn't mean to say it, that she was intimidated or manipulated," Feazell said. "She's admitted it's not true and has apologized."

Feazell said Schroeder had not been subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury here, and he said the lack of a subpoena supported his contention that she did not mean what she said in the tapes.

Boutwell said he did not know if federal officials had a copy of the tape or whether it was played for the grand jury. He said he has the original of the tape and the only copy he knows of was one he made for the DPS.

But Boutwell said that Schroeder had told him she stood by what she had said in the tape and had given him permission to make public its contents.

"She did say that the last time she saw him he looked better, but that she was afraid he was on the verge of a mental breakdown," Boutwell said.

Boutwell said that after Lucas and Schroeder testified April 17 before a grand jury in Waco, Schroeder contacted him. Boutwell said he made notes that said: "She returns upset. Says Henry is not himself. Acts drugged or hypnotized. Not sure whether he killed anybody or not."

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Schroeder said: "When I went and saw Henry, his personality was so different and I was concerned about his well-being. I went to the sheriff, and I was concerned if they could have been talking to him and using mind control. I would see him every few days. Later as it progressed, I felt like he was not under any mind control, that he was going through a big crisis in his life. I feel like he needs to be left alone and given complete rest for a while."

Schroeder, who had befriended Lucas and has given him Bible and art lessons in the Williamson County Jail in Georgetown since 1983, said she visited Lucas in Waco April 18. When she saw him then, she said, "he was crying all the time, asking me to get Sheriff Boutwell up there to help him." She said when she last saw him, Monday, Lucas seemed much better.

"Henry does not make changes easily," she said. "A new environment, new people — it's hard for him." She said she believes Lucas now feels comfortable in Waco and was willing to go to San Antonio to testify before the federal grand jury.

Asked if she believes Lucas' denials of his murder confessions, Schroeder said, "I believe when Henry was confessing, that he actually believed that. And I believe that what he is saying today, he believes it. I would rather not state my opinion of what I think. I believe Henry is confused, and I think that Henry really believes that he is searching for the truth and he wants to know who he is and what he has done."

"When I pray with him, that's what his prayer is, to know who he is and what he has done."

"The one thing that I really want in the paper is that I feel like Henry needs a complete rest and he has been drilled by investigators," Schroeder said. "He has been given questions and questions and questions for a couple of years now, and I feel like he needs a rest and the prayers of a lot of people so we would all know what the truth is."

In an interview last week with an American-Statesman reporter, Schroeder said Lucas had also told her that Feazell, the McLennan district attorney, had been praying with Lucas and quoting Scripture to him in an effort to get Lucas to say he had lied in his previous murder confessions. Schroeder



AP
Henry Lee Lucas arrives at the federal court in San Antonio.

said Lucas told her that Feazell had told him that it was the right time in his spiritual life to confess to having lied about killing hundreds of people.

Lucas' testimony came after Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox appealed all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court for an order to prevent Lucas from being brought there to testify. He said he wanted to keep Lucas in Waco to continue an investigation into the validity of his murder confessions.

McLennan County Sheriff Jack Harwell and a deputy U.S. marshal arrived at the John H. Wood Jr. U.S. Courthouse here with Lucas at 12:57 p.m. Lucas, handcuffed and chained around the waist, was quickly led into the rear entrance of the round, modernist courthouse.

Lucas looked straight ahead and said nothing to reporters.

Flanked by U.S. Marshal William Jonas Jr., Lucas was led to the grand jury room on the third floor of the courthouse. By order of U.S. District Judge Edward Prado, reporters were not allowed on the floor.

As Lucas testified, Feazell and Cox waited in the U.S. marshal's office.

Federal grand jury proceedings are secret, and the U.S. attorney's office has said only that it is in

investigating possible violations of Lucas' civil rights since he has been in custody in Waco.

One of the things federal officials have been looking into is the amount of time that passed until an attorney was appointed to represent Lucas in McLennan County.

Cox said he talked with Lucas briefly after he left the grand jury room. "He said he had been fairly treated, and that he was going to go back to McLennan County and didn't expect to come back here." The lawyer said he was not with Lucas when he testified Wednesday and did not know what Lucas had said.

"I don't believe his civil rights have been violated in McLennan County, but there are other counties that ought to be concerned," Cox said.

He said he expected the findings of the McLennan County grand jury in regard to possible civil rights violations in other counties would be turned over to federal authorities.

Feazell said that his grand jury in McLennan County would convene again on the Lucas matter at 9 a.m. May 3.

Lucas, who once claimed he killed more than 200 people during cross-country travels, said on national television Wednesday morning that he began giving phony confessions because of the way he was treated while jailed in a North Texas county.

"I confessed because of the treatment I received in Montague County," Lucas said on the ABC program *Good Morning America*. "I was put in what they call a cold cell, and I was deprived of everything I have. I asked for an attorney. I couldn't get one. I was harassed for nine months. I lost all kinds of jobs because of it and I made up my mind that people weren't going to walk on me." His string of confessions began after he was arrested in Montague County on a weapons charge and was later convicted there of murdering an elderly woman.

Lucas has been held mostly in the Williamson County Jail since November 1983, when he was brought to Georgetown to face trial in the slaying of an unidentified woman whose body was found Halloween 1979 in a culvert alongside Interstate 35 north of Georgetown. He was convicted of capital murder in that case and was sentenced to death.